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**To:** Bureau of Land Management District Managers (Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem), Field Managers (Klamath Falls and Tillamook, OR; Arcata, Redding, and Ukiah, CA), and Forest Service National Forest Supervisors and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager within the Northwest Forest Plan Area

**Subject:** Survey and Manage Species – Identification of Non-high Priority Sites

On September 21, 2001, Information Bulletin No. OR-2001-273 was transmitted to the field providing guidance on the identification of non-high priority sites. This document reissues that guidance, with updated information.

The 2001 “Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines” provides several situations where specific projects may be exempted from the Standards and Guidelines. These provisions are varied, and are intended for very specific sets of conditions. The identification of non-high priority sites (Standards and Guidelines, Page 10) is one such example. Attached is a four-step process that allows the local land manager to identify non-high priority sites for Category C and D species on a case-by-case basis. This is an interim process until a Management Recommendation that identifies high priority sites is completed.

Please use this process. We will monitor its implementation and adjust the process as necessary. If you have questions, please contact your respective agency technical contact:

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## 2 Attachments

- 1 - [Overview of the Four-Step Process for Identifying Category C and D Non-High Priority Sites](#)  
(4pp)
- 2 - [List of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Contracts](#) (1p)

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